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A leadership perspective from a man who knows

By Lt. Col. John Morris
Deputy Commander

HUAH! Hello my fellow 447th Air Expeditionary Group combat-ready warriors and welcome home! I volunteered to write an article for today's Pathfinder, so I could discuss the concept of leadership and what I feel are the traits of a good leader.

Leadership is about being able to successfully lead a group of people in accomplishing a common goal, objective or mission. A leader leads by personal example and from the front of his or her troops. One of the best movies I have ever seen about leadership is the Mel Gibson movie "We Were Soldiers," which depicts the real-life exploits of US Army Lt General Hal Moore as a young battalion commander in the Au Shau valley in the early 1960s. In the movie, then Lt Col Hal Moore (Mel Gibson) makes sure he is the first member of his unit to set foot on the ground in a potential hot landing zone, and the very last member of his unit to step back aboard the helicopter airlift and fly away after the battle is over. He put his troops first and foremost above his own personal safety and comfort. During the height of the firefight with enemy forces, when his battalion is in danger of being overrun, he is ordered by his higher headquarters to fly back to safety, as the higher headquarters element does not want to suffer the embarrassment of the loss or capture of a senior American officer in combat to the North Vietnamese. He refuses to leave the battlefield and abandon his troops, even under the threat of disciplinary action. At the end of the battle, Lt Col Moore personally led his troops in an attack against superior North Vietnamese forces, driving

the enemy forces away and winning the tactical battle. Lt Col Hal Moore exemplified the finest traits of a leader engaged in direct combat with hostile forces.

WHAT ARE THE TRAITS OF A GOOD LEADER?

PERSONAL INTEGRITY: A leader must have integrity. The troops must know that the word of their leader is his or her bond; a leader's word is solid and dependable. A leader must be honest with his or her personnel, and is obligated to deliver the bad news (tell someone an ugly truth when their duty performance or attitude negatively affects the mission) despite the temporary hurt of personal feelings or pride. A leader places service and principle above self and strives to do the right thing at all times for both the troops and the mission.

PLACE TROOP MORALE AND WELFARE ABOVE SELF: A leader looks after the needs of his or her troops, and puts their needs and welfare above self. A leader should publicly recognize personnel accomplishments and reward them through awards and decorations or rank promotions. A leader ensures personnel morale and welfare issues are taken care of in conjunction with mission requirements, and does not eat until the troops have eaten and does not sleep until the troops are at rest.

LEADERSHIP BY PERSONAL EXAMPLE: A leader motivates his or her troops by personal example, and never asks the troops to do something which he or she is not willing to do. A leader leads from the front, and must maintain a calm demeanor and public display of confidence and optimism, especially in the face of adversity, to maintain troop confidence and trust in their leader and the mission.

LEADERSHIP BY WALKING ABOUT: A leader exhibits leadership by walking about and visiting with the troops. A leader must spend time with the troops while on-duty, enquiring about their morale, welfare and personal lives. A good leader will make every attempt to conduct post visits or spend time in the field with his or her troops at all hours of the day and night, fully demonstrating his or her personal interest in their morale and welfare while addressing personnel issues and concerns.

PERSONAL COURAGE: In the face of danger, a leader must publicly display personal courage in front of the troops to maintain their confidence and trust that he or she will lead them out of harm's way.

HUAH & CHARLIE-MIKE (Continue the mission!)

Sather Air Base Warrior of the Week



Senior Airman
Adrian Lizama

447th Expeditionary
Logistics Readiness
Squadron

- Troubleshoot and repaired electronic shifter on 25k calvorsen loader; saved over two weeks crucial downtime
- Prepped 60k Cargo loader for depot shipment back to the states; vehicle was shipped on time with no delays
- Troubleshoot and repaired air leak in brake system on 60k cargo loader; returned to user with no mission delay

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Front Page photo

Lt. Col. Bryan Swecker, 447 ELRS commander, stands in front of a formation during the Memorial Day retreat ceremony.
(Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard)





Lieutenant Col. D.J. Junio stands in front of a formation before the Sather Air Base retreat ceremony. While only 80 people were sought for the event, more than 200 showed up to honor servicemembers of days gone by. Lt. Col. Junio is deployed from Scott AFB, Ill.

Saluting the fallen

Photos by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard



Senior Airman Christopher McShan belts out a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner May 29 at the Memorial Day retreat ceremony.



A formation of Airmen wait behind the Glass House the start of the ceremony.

Around Sather



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Rodriguez



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robin Drake

Gang cutline: (Clockwise from top left) Staff Sgt. Randall Deiricks leads the pack, again, in the Memorial Day 5K run. Senior Airman Curtis Davenport checks the Number 2 engine on a C-130 after smoke caused a ground emergency to be declared. Staff Sgt. Mark Rodriguez reads the wet bulb globe temperature to see a triple digit temperature. Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Taglieri hugs Toby Keith after he arrived on the Sather ramp.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard

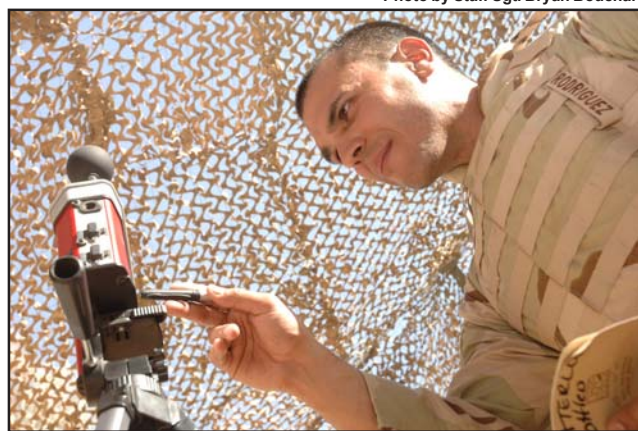


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Emergency Response Tips

Attack Alarm Actions

Upon attack (Alarm Red), take the actions:

- Assume **Alarm Red**, take cover where you are
- Wait for further instructions (i.e., Giant Voice, radio)
- Follow announced instructions
- Render aid and give a warning as required



Upon Alarm Black, take these actions:

- Remain under cover unless assigned to post-attack reconnaissance team, or if directed, to continue the mission-essential activities



- Travel is not permitted
- Wait for further instructions (i.e., Giant Voice, radio)

- Follow announced instructions

For more information, call CE Readiness at 446-2226.

End of the day signals start of anew



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard

NEW AL MUTHANA AIR BASE, Iraq -- An Iraqi airman marshalls in an Iraqi C-130 carrying Iraq's new Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki, May 31 after he returned from Basra. New Al Muthana AB is the first Iraqi air base to stand up since the fall of the Hussein regime. With three C-130s assigned, the Iraqis are working jointly with a contingent of U.S. Air Force Airmen in training and developing the future Iraqi air force. New Al Muthana is located adjacent to Sather Air Base at Baghdad International Airport.

SATHER AIR BASE BRIEFS

Life Skills deployment tip

Tip No. 1

Deployment separation for families:

- Encourage family members to share feelings and give assurances.
 - Honestly discuss your deployment. Share information about your work and what you are doing for our country with your children. Answer questions openly and honestly using words children can understand.
 - Provide a method for children to count the days you have been deployed.
 - Follow your child's lead. Give a little information at a time and see how your child responds before deciding what to do next.
 - Provide your child with ways to communicate with you (e.g., letter writing, e-mails, sending pictures, and tapes). Make it fun and creative.
 - Maintain family routines and traditions at home and long distance.
- For more information on how to better handle separation, call Capt. Mitzi Mitchell at 446-2602.

Headgear in PT uniform

Headgear is not required while wearing the Air Force physical training uniform.

However, while on Sather, Airmen may wear the 8-point desert camouflage or floppy hat while in the PT uniform to provide protection from the sun's ultraviolet rays, according to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing supplement to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

This being said, while off Sather, Airmen are not to wear any headgear with the PT uniform.

This is to conform to Army policy and alleviate any inconveniences caused by the differences between the two services' regulations.

Passenger safety

People riding in vehicles must wear seat belts at all times. The safety office will be conducting seat belt checks soon to measure base compliance with this directive.

In addition, people riding the beds of trucks may not sit against the tailgate. If the tailgate falls while the vehicle is in motion, people can fall out and injure themselves. People must also beware of placing fingers between the cab and box of trucks while riding in the back.



A public health minute

By Maj. Eloise Hudd
Base Public Health Officer

That's right folks, we're seeing an awful lot of foot fungus or athletes foot, whatever you want to call it, and it's nasty! Bottom line is you need to take care of yourself, especially your feet! Make sure you change your socks daily. As the weather starts to heat up so does the moisture in your boots. Don't sleep with your socks on, let your feet breathe. Always wear flip flops (shower shoes) when using the shower, it's the perfect place for the fungus to hang out and wait for the next foot to come along. Use foot powder or spray to keep your feet healthy. If you think you have developed a foot fungus, stop by EMEDS for some anti fungal cream. Only you can stop the fungus among us.

Striker Dining Facility Menu

Daily Breakfast Menu

Baked bacon/sausage patties
Creamed beef
Canadian bacon or ham slices
Onion&mushroom quiche
breakfast burrito
Assorted omeletes/eggs to order
Scrambled eggs/hard boiled eggs
Hash browns
Grits/Oatmeal
Waffles/French toast

Short Order Lunch/Dinner

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Frankfurters
Grilled cheese
Egg rolls
Chicken tenders/Buffalo wings
Pizza/Tacos
Potato/Pasta bar
Baked beans
French fries/onion rings
Philly cheesesteaks

Today

Lunch

Vegetarian veg soup
Meat loaf
Barbecue ribs
Spaghetti w/meatballs
Caribbean chicken

Dinner

Vegetarian veg soup
Beef and noodles
Baked ham
Fried fish

Sunday

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Glazed baked ham
Chili mac
Meat loaf
Cornish hen

Dinner

New England clam chowder
Smothered pork chops
Grilled sausage
Fried chicken
Ham hocks
Baked fish
Barbecue ribs

Monday

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
Rotisserie chicken
Italian-style veal steak
Salisbury steak
Barbecue pork chops

Dinner

Cream of mushroom soup
Texas-style beef brisket
Turkey cutlet
Fried chicken

Tuesday

Lunch

Cream of broccoli soup
Yakisoba
Pulled pork barbecue
Caribbean chicken
Swiss steak w/ mushrooms

Dinner

Cream of broccoli soup
Meat loaf
Veal parmesan
Roast pork loin
Parmesan pollock fish

Wednesday

Lunch

Chicken w/rice soup
Swedish meatballs
Barbecue chicken
Corn beef
Honey-glazed chicken

Dinner

Chicken w/rice soup
Baked chicken
Grilled pork chops
Roast beef
Fish filet

Thursday

Lunch

Vegetarian veg soup
Roast turkey
Chicken pot pie
Braised beef
Roast pork ham

Dinner

Vegetarian veg soup
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Veal parmesan
Fried chicken

Friday

Lunch

Bean w/bacon soup
Fried & baked fish
T-bone steak
Crab legs
Fried shrimp
Seafood gumbo
Fried chicken
Lobster tails

Dinner

Bean w/bacon soup
Salisbury steak

Glazed-baked ham
Baked chicken
Italian veal

June 10

Lunch

Bean w/bacon soup
Fried chicken
Pot roast
Lemon-baked fish
Roasted turkey

Dinner

Bean w/bacon soup
Veal steak
Salmon
Sweet & sour pork chops

June 11

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Glazed baked ham
Chili mac
Meat loaf
Cornish hen

Dinner

New England clam chowder
Smothered pork chops
Grilled sausage
Fried chicken
Ham hocks
Baked fish
Barbecue ribs

June 12

Lunch

Cream of mushroom soup
Pepper steak
Fried fish
Glazed-pineapple baked ham
Veal parmesan

Dinner

Cream of mushroom soup
Barbecue pork
Roast beef
Fried chicken
Spaghetti

June 13

Lunch

Cream of broccoli soup
Cantonese ribs
Baked chicken
Chili mac
Pot roast

Dinner

Cream of broccoli soup
Cajun catfish
Braised beef w/noodles
Breaded pork chops
Italian veal

June 14

Lunch

Chicken w/rice soup
Lasagna w/eggplant
Veal parmesan
Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Salmon

Dinner

Chicken w/rice soup
Chicken curry
Roasted turkey
Salisbury steak
Honey-glazed ham

June 15

Lunch

Bean w/bacon soup
Meat loaf
Fried chicken
Turkey pot pie
Herb-baked chicken

Dinner

Bean w/bacon soup
Grilled chicken breast
Roast fresh ham
Veal parmesan
Swedish meatballs

June 16

Lunch

New England clam chowder
Fried fish
Baked fish
Grilled steak
Seafood gumbo
Fried chicken
Crab legs
Lobster tails
Fried shrimp






Dinner

New England clam chowder
Roast pork loin
El Rancho stew
Baked chicken
Tuna tetrazzini

Note: Rice and/or potatoes and a variety of vegetables are served with every meal.

Menu is subject to change without notice!

June ... for now (all events/times subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
   				1 3-pt shootout 0800/2000 Poker 101 0900 Abs Class 1900 House Techno 2100	2 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000 Movie: Ultraviolet	3 Abs 2000 Karaoke 2100 Movies: Basic Instinct 2-0030, 1230, 2130 Ultraviolet 0630, 1530 Stay Alive 0930, 1830
4 Bingo 0900, 2000 Horseshoes 1400 Movies: Basic Instinct 2-0930, 1830 Ultraviolet 0030, 1230, 2130 Stay Alive 0630, 1530	5 Dominoes 0200, 1400 Poker 101 0900, 2000	6 Spades 0300, 2000 Spin Class 1900 Abs Class 2100	7 Dodgeball 0900, 1900 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000 Bingo 0200	8 Ping Pong 0100, 2000 Spin Class 0900 Abs Class 1900 Jazz Music Night 2100	9 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000	10 Abs Class 2000 Strongest in AOR Open Mic Night 2030
11 Bingo 0900, 2000 Strongest in AOR ... TBD	12 Dominoes 0200, 1400 Poker 101 2000	13 Spades 0300, 2000 Spin Class 1900 Abs Class 2100	14 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000 Horseshoes 2000	15 Darts 0100, 2000 Abs Class 1900 Latin Music Night 2100	16 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000	17 Bingo 0200 Abs Class 2000 Karaoke 2100
18 Father's Day 5K 0800 Bingo 0900, 2000	19 Poker 101 2000 Fight Night XBox tourney 1900	20 Spades 0300, 2000 Free Throw Comp. 0800, 1930 Spin Class 1900 Abs Class 2100	21 Bingo 0200 Poker 101 0900 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000	22 Ping Pong 0100, 2000 Spin Class 0900 Abs Class 1900 Hip-Hop Music Night 2100	23 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000	24 Abs Class 2000 Open Mic Night 2030
25 Bingo 0900, 2000	26 Poker 101 2000	27 Spades 0300, 2000 Spin Class 1900 Abs Class 2100	28 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000 Bingo 0200	29 Darts 0100, 2000 Volleyball 1900 Abs Class 1900 Raggae Music Night 2100	30 Texas Hold-em 0900/2000	

Information provided by 447 ESVS. For up-to-date information, visit the rec tent

Other Sather info



Women's Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 0800

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Sather Victory Chapel Worship Services

Saturday

5 p.m., Catholic Confession

5:30 p.m., Catholic Service

8 p.m., Catholic Service Camp Slayer Chapel

Sunday

8 a.m., Traditional Protestant Service

10 a.m., Gospel Worship Service

2 p.m., Latter Day Saints Service

3 p.m., Catholic Mass: Striker (Bus leaves Glass House @ 2:30 p.m.)

7:30 p.m., Contemporary Protestant Service

Monday

8 p.m., Evangelical Protestant Worship Service

Oasis help needed



For all those who are interested in volunteering to help out at the chapel's Oasis coffee bar, there will be a necessary training briefing that will be held Tuesday, June 6 at 0900 and 2100 in the chapel tent.